

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording apparatus which comprises a recording material or tray conveying roller, a carriage lifting mechanism for changing an interval
5 between the recording unit and the recording material, and a cleaning unit. In the apparatus, in accordance with a separation instruction, an interval between the recording unit and the recording material is changed before a recording operation is started.
10 Further, in the apparatus, a position of the recording unit is returned to a predetermined position before a cleaning operation is started by the cleaning unit. Thereby, a recording apparatus has a simple configuration, and, by performing a
15 simple control process, the function of the cleaning unit is used to ensure the function of the recording unit, even when the interval between the recording unit and the recording material is changed for the recording of a CD, for example.